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Battel without Bloodshed, &c.

DUB, dub, dubba Hub, says the Drum in the Morning,
To give the bold Heroes of London-Town warning,
That Cripp'd old *Watchmen*, and Hobling old *Porters*,
In *Almes-houses* Lodg'd, or in such kind of *Quarters*,
May rise from their *Flock-Beds*, and shake off their *Fleas*,
And earn half a Crown with a great deal of ease.
Then to mending old Belts, and to scowring of Musquets,
And whetting of Backswords, whose Hilt are like Baskets

But Handicraft-Heroes, much harder and bolder,
Scorn Hirelings to send, but themselves play the Soldier.
Then hey for Long-Lane, among Salesmen and Brokers,
To hire Buff-Dublets, and Plate-Hand'd Pokers,
To March in the Front, where the Honour and Fame
Is the greater allow'd, tho' the Danger the same.

Then *Vintners* and *Viculars*, the Chief of their Leaders,
Must cover their Horns with their Beavers and Feathers;
Relinquish *Blue-Aprons* to put on *Blue-Coats*,
And Arm with gilt Gorgets their Wine-bibbing Throats:
The Stockins they wear Died of Scarlet in Grain,
That they might not be soild, with the Blood of the Slain.
Then tying on *Sashes*, in room of their *Aprons*,
They leave their good Wives to take care how the Tap-runs.
Some stuffing their Pockets with Figs or with Raisins,
To comfort their Hearts in a Sweltering Season;
Whilst others due care of their Carcasses show,
By Victu'ling their Trousers with Ginger-Bread-bo;
Each carry'ng a Quartan of Nant's in a Vial,
As if the whole Regiment fear'd they should Dy-all.

For

For none can imagin, but those that must bear-it,
How sweating in *Buff* will a Soldier Dis-spirit.

When all thus Equip'd, from the *Brewer* to th' *Drayman*,
With Food to Preserve 'em, and Weapons to Slay-man,
To th' *Change*, or *Guild-Hall*, a full Gallop they run,
The *Tallman* with Pike, and the *Short-Arse* with Gun;
Considering whether the Right or Left *Shoulder*
Is proper to carry the *Arms* of a Soldier.

The Regiment now at their Rendezvous met,
Some stinking of *Sot-weed*, and others of *Sweat*,
Some Button'd in *Woollen*, some Lac'd into *Leather*,
With Heads lock'd in *Helmets*, some Fools with a *Feather*!
Thus some very Gaudy, and others as Plain;
Some Kicking of *France*, others Cuffing of *Spain*;
Some talking of *Preaching*, and others of *Plots*,
Some Praising of *Burges*, and some Doctor *Oates*,
Some setting forth old bloody Battles and Slaughters,
Some praising their *Wives*, or commending their *Daughters*,
Whilst others were wishing (being dry with the Heat)
For Beer from the *Helmet* in *Bishopsgate-street*:
And why from the *Helmet*? Because that the Sign
Makes the *Liquor* as welcom to a Soldier as *Wine*.

The Houre being come, they flock in, in a Cluster,
For fear of a Forfeit to th' Master of the Muster:
So Grounding their Arms, take a Dram of the Bottle,
And then, like their Brethren, fall into a Tattle.

At last comes a little decrepp'd old Creature,
Tho' Bold as a Lion, f'r ought I know, in Nature;
The Colonel I mean, with his Cheeks and his Nose,
One as Blue as his Coat, t'other Red as his Hose;
With Age being Hamstring'd (a very sad thing)
He hobbles along like a Pig in a String:
Yet being well warm'd with a dose of Canary,
Tho' Foundr'd, he looks both Couragious and Merry;

Which

Which shows by the help of a moderate Cup,
 His Heart is still good, tho' his Heels will not up;
 I call it still Good, tho' perhaps it's a little
 With Knavery touch'd, not the worse for a Title;
 For Knavery's accounted but Self Preservation,
 A Cunning that's useful in every Profession;
 And therefore as Souldier and Citizen too,
 A double Proportion's no more than his Due;

A Man by the use on't no Credit e'er Loses,
 Except when he's baulk'd of the end he proposes;
 For Frauds, if successful, are Crown'd with applause,
 As Conquest in War gives a right to the Cause.

The Regiment now about twelve being met,
 Perhaps my Lord-Mayor gives the Heroes a Treat.
 The Officers Honour'd to Dine with my Lord,
 Where Dainties from Leaden-Hall furnish the Board;
 As Lamb, Veal, and Mutton, Fish, Poultry, and Sallat,
 To please ev'ry Souldier and Citizens Pallat;
 The Dinner sum'd up with a Course of good Custard,
 And Plenty of Wine, they may Drink till they're Fluster'd;
 Much Custard I say, and much struggling about-it,
 For the Charter is lost, should my Lord Dine without-it:
 But as for the Hirelings, they're kept at a distance,
 And Cram'd with good wholesome substantial Substance;
 As Buttocks of Powder'd Beef, Carrot and Mustard,
 But for the poor Rogues, not a spoonful of Custard;
 And that it might never be said, they should Dine
 At my Lord-Mayor of London's without Drinking Wine,
 A Bottle of Claret, is Nobly Dispos'd
 To every File that is Ten or a Dozen.

When thus they have Din'd, all arise from the Board,
 And with Bows to the Ground, take their Leaves of my Lord;
 The Hoit-Boys now Squeak, and the Drums beat Alarms,
 And the Heroes confus'dly run all to their Arms;

And after an Hour is wasted, or near,
 To know Right from Left, and the Front from the Rear;
 With abundance of bustle they're jumbld together;
 The *Cobler*, the *Porter*, the *Bean* and his *Feather*;
 The *Slouch-Hat*, and *Helmet*, all mix'd in a *File*,
 S' unlike one another, 'twou'd make a *Dog* smile:
 Then as a fine show to the *Cities* great Honour,
 They march thro' the *Streets* in the following manner.

At first comes a *File* of *Huge Fat Lusty strong-Men*,
 Call'd *Martials*, that is, all the *Regiments Hang-Men*;
 Distinguish'd by *Truncheon*, a *Scarf*, and a *Feather*,
 And bound up in *Buff*, as a *Book* in *Calves-Leather*,
 For the very same purpose, that is to *Defend-em*
 From *Accidents*, that otherwise might attend'em.

The next that succeeds is the *Col'nels Great Horse*,
 May be, *Old*, *Lame*, and *Blind*, yet he's little the worse
 For a *Journey* so short; being only led round,
 In a show *Cloth* from thence to th' *Artillery-Ground*;
 And walks once a *Twelvemonth* to *Black-Fryars-Stairs*,
 With his *Master* on's *Back*, to attend the *Lord-Mayors*.

The next that comes up, is a *Slave* in a *Livry*,
 With a *Cloak* on his *Arm*, to hide some bodies *Knav'ry*;
 The *Cape* with *Gold Flowers* made wonderful *Taudry*,
 Turn'd outwards on purpose to show the *Embroidery*,
 And in his *Right Hand*, does the *Leading-Staff* carry,
 To keep the old *Col'nel* from being a *weary*.

Then up comes a *Noise* of untunable *Pipes*,
 With a *March* that would give a *Musician* the *Gripes*,
 One of *Holloway*, *Hamp-shire*, and *Hog-Island Jigs*,
 Like the *squeaks* and the *Grunts* of a *Sow* and her *Pigs*;
 Behind the poor *Pipers*, the *Col'nel* advances,
 And after the *Musick* he *Hobbles*, not *Dances*,
 Oppress'd with his *Corns*, he no faster can *Crawl*,
 Than a *Snail* o'er a *Cabbage*, or *Fly* up a *Wall*.

The *Estrich*, the *Silk-Worm*, the *Sheep*, and *Gold-Mine*,
 Fine *Beaver*, and *Whores-Hair*, together all joyn
 With *Flanders*, to make the old Gentleman fine.
 But with Age on his Brows, he seems Peevish and Vext,
 At the Cares of this World, and the Fear of the next.

The Captains, nay Cuckolds, for ought that they know,
 Succeeds the old Colonel all in a Row,
 So Gallantry Drest, 'tis a very fine show.
 There's *Coffee-Man*, *Vintner*, the *Kiel-lar* and *Brewer*,
 Brave Tun-Belly'd Heroes, who always Fight sure.
 In Arms one would think, they must needs be Excelling,
 Each uses such Discipline in his own Dwelling.
 Here Drawer, you Rascal, Pray what is the meaning,
 The Maiden-head stinks, and the Kings-head wants cleaning,
 Besides, I Remember, your Yesterdays Fault,
 You're a very fine Rogue to get Drunk in the Vault.
 Then Fir'd with Passion, of Patience Bereft,
 He Cuffs him about, from the Right to the Left:
 Then about to the Reer, crys the Chollerick Mars,
 And his Conquests Compleats with a Kick on the Arse.
 Thus Train'd up in Scuffles, is made a Commander,
 And Struts in his March like a Great Alexander.

Then on comes the Front, a most Noble Division,
 That moves Admiration at once, and Derision;
 A parcel of Men, would be thought so at least,
 Each proudly disguis'd in the hide of a Beast.
 They are Wolves to the French, and have therefore a Loathing,
 When e'er they're in Arms to appear in Sheeps Cloathing.
 Their Heads Lock'd in Helmets, they won't March with-
 out 'em,
 Because that's the Place that is softest about 'em,
 And where the Pate's Tender, it must be Confest,
 'Tis a part that needs Armour much more than the rest.
 These Helmets are made of a Cozening Mettle,
 Not Iron, or Steel, or yet Brass like a Kettle.

They

They look very bright, and are Chas'd very fine,
 The Mob think 'em Silver, tho' some say they're Tin;
 Indeed 'tis most likely of that they are made,
 For a Cap of Black Tin, will best fit a Block-Head.

The Children in Clusters run hollowing by-'em,
 (The Serjeants take Care that they shan't come too nigh-'em,)
 Who mimick the Heroes with Helmets of Paper,
 And Swords made of Laths, which they Brandish and Vapour;
 With some old Blew Apron ty'd on to a Pole,
 Which some forward Child for a Colours has stole;
 By which Moral Emblem, the Captains may see,
 They're advanc'd to that height from the lowest degree;
 And is to a Wiseman, as much as to say,
 Tho' above they Command, they at Home must Obey.
 From Gorget and Sash, scoop so low as the Tap,
 And deliver the Quart with a Bow and a Scrape;
 A Chamber-Pot here, Noble Captain, we crave;
 Noble Captain replies, What you want you shall have;
 Thus look big to Day, but to Morrow must think,
 From Commanding of Porters, to drawing them Drink.
 Thus City Train-Bands, Are the Bold and the Brave,
 And the Heroe is mimick'd in Buff by the Slave;
 Whilst Children their Follies in Miniature show,
 And march by their sides with a Row, new-dow, dow.

Behind this Division in order there comes
 What gives Life to a Soldier, a Noise of fine Drums,
 Which serves as a Call to their Wives and Relations,
 To come and peep out on such solemn Occasions,
 Who Crowd to the Windows of every Story,
 To see 'em March by in their Pomp and their Glory.
 The Cuckold is pleas'd that his Wife does behold him;
 But who stands behind her, I have not yet told him;
 His Absence no doubt on's supply'd by a Lover;
 But that is his Business, not mine to Discover.

Thus

Thus the Musquets march on in their Martial array,
 Some Soldiers for Pleasure, and others for Pay;
 The Gyant, the Pigmy, the Beau, and the Slouch,
 The Hireling worth Little, the Miser worth Much;
 The Wital, the Coward, the Trojan that's Trusty,
 The Old, and the Cripp'd, the Young and the Lusty;
 The Buff-Coat, the Bare-Coat, the Campaign and Frock,
 The Knave that has Brains, and the Fool that's a Block,
 The Master, the Prentice, the Cuk, and the Gallant,
 All march in a File, and all equally Valiant.

Then up comes the Pikes, who're the Horse to offend,
 With their Spoules old Shooe-Try's, ty'd on at the end.
 These Poking old Knaves arm'd with Hop-Poles, and Rapiers
 Are Grocers, and Mercers, Attorneys and Drapers,
 Rich Cits of Repute, who a Musquet Dis-daining,
 As a Load for a Porter, yet Crawl out a Training,
 With what their old Shoulders are able to carry,
 And all for the City's great Honour and Glory;
 But march in a Figure instead of a Line,
 Each File like a Billet that's Crook'd for a Sign;
 Or if I should say (sure I do not Transgress)
 Like the Fly'r of a Jack in the Shape of an S,
 I'th' Body of these all their Colours are Posted,
 Which like to their Arms stand the Kingdom in no-stead,
 Except now and then, to most bravely sustain,
 The Fatigue of high Winds, or a Shower of Rain;
 In a Nook of their Ensigns, the Arms of the City,
 A Dagger all Bloody, is Painted to Fright-ye.
 'Tis wisely design'd with a Noble Intent,
 To show the just Fate of *Wat Tyler of Kent*;

Whom *Walmuth* the May'r, being a Man of huge Force;
 To the City's great Honour, knock'd off from his Horse;
 And when by surprize, with his Mace he had fell'd him;
 Amongst 'em they maul'd the poor Rogue till they Kill'd him.

On each side the Colours, a short Brazen Gun,
 Is carry'd b' a Swine, with a Gut like a Tun;
 Who looks in his Helmet and Doublet of Buff;
 So terribly Fierce, so surprizing and Bluff;
 That a Hog put in Armour, becomes not his Dress,
 With a Gallanter Mein, or more Porculent Grace.

Each Arm'd with a Blunderbus, I think they call it,
 Which never since made was e'er charg'd with a Bullet;
 Tho' often with Gunpowder, and when it's Fir'd,
 If 'twill but cry Pop, it is all that's desir'd:
 These Magogs are posted the Colours to Guard,
 From the Catch of their Foes, when there's none to be Fear'd.

Such Comical Pikes, Pikes, Pikes march after,
 And Guns, Guns, Guns, that wou'd burst you with Laughter,
 Some Stag'ring with Drink, and some Hobling with Corns,
 Some Scratching their Heads, as if Groping for Horns;
 Whilst others examine their Bottles of Brandy,
 To see if the Cork be as close as it can be;
 For if the Good Liquor shou'd come by Mis-fortune,
 Their Courage is lost with their Cordial most certain.
 Thus all march confus'dly along to the Battel,
 Like droves of *Scotch Runts*, mix'd with *Lancashire Cattel*,
 Some very Tall Cuckolds and some very little;
 Encourag'd by Drums, which they Manfully follow,
 Because like themselves, they're both Noisey and Hollow.

The **Reer** is brought up by their **Slouching Lieutenants**,
Who **Proud** of their **Parizans**, think it no **Penance**,
To creep at the **Arse** of a parcel of **Dunces**,
Meer **Crackfarts**, who only go out to make **Bounces**;
The **only true Reason** that can be assign'd,
Why these **are** so pleas'd with their **Office** behind;
Because they **resolve** tho' the **Loyal** decide 'em,
To stand by the **Rump** still what e'er does be-tide 'em;
Well knowing 'tis facing about but once more,
And the **Tail** will be **Head** as it was heretofore.

Then after the **Regiment** marches along,
Of **Crippled** old **Porters**, a numberless **Throng**,
Sustaining great **Bundles** of **Coats** on their **Shoulders**,
In case of bad **Weather**, to shelter the **Soldiers**.
The **Danger** of **Battel**, they wholly **disdain**,
And dread nothing more than a **shower of Rain**;
The project is **Good**, whosoever **advanc'd** it,
To therefore bring with 'em good **Armour** against it;
For **Armies** oft find (you may tak' on my **Word**)
Bad **Weather** kills more, than the **Bullet** or **Sword**.

In this mighty **Pomp**, thro' the **City** they go,
The **Children** all think 'tis a very fine **Show**;
And cry out aloud to each other, **Look Yonder**
*There's one with a **Helmet***; as if 'twas a wonder;
From whence it is manifest, (more is the **Pity**)
A **Head-peice** is rare to be found in the **City**;
They are of such **Weight**, that few **Shoulders** can bear 'em;
Their **May's**, and their **Aldermen** never cou'd wear 'em:
I'th' **City** of late they are quite out of **Fashion**,
(Except in the **East-India** Old **Corporation**.)

Their

Their Skulls are so thick, they imagine from thence,
That their huge Bullet-Heads have no need of Defence;
In so much that they scorn even th' Armour of Sence.

With fine Flying Colours, and Groaning board Hums,
Of Curtels and Hoitboys, and Ratling of Drums,
To show their Buff Dublets, they march the Town round,
Till led in at last to th' Artillery-Ground;
Where tired with walking, and drown'd in their sweat,
Near stiff'd with Dust, and half roasted with Heat.
After many Debates about how or which way,
They're drawn with much Pains into Battel array.
The Col'nel then wiping his pearls from his Face;
Cries Silence, and then, *Ground your Arms on the Grass;*
We've had a long March, I do therefore Command-ye;
Pace, clear off your Arms, and away to your Brandy.
Then ev'ry Man lugs out his Bottle of Nants,
And in its own Wine, Drinks confusion to France;
Forgetting that no way would Ruin them quicker,
Then never to swallow one drop of their Liquor.
Then out comes Tobacco-Box, Flint, Steel and Tinder,
With nasty foul Pipes, scarce the length of my Finger;
Then each with his own Rank and Quality herds,
So to Funking of Noses, and Singeing of Beards.

Then others more Hungry, their Stomachs to Please,
Sit down to their Luncheons of House-hold and Cheese,
Without saying Grace, do so heartily Twist,
That each bit they swallow's as big as my Fist.

Then up comes a Sutler, whose Trade is to cry,
A Can of Mild Beer, who's a Dry, who's a Dry?

Here's

Here's Stale-Beer, and Mild-Beer, good Stich-Back and Pharaoh;
 Tho' all his whole Cellar, is but a Wheel-Barrow;
 Wherein he has mounted a Runlet of Liquor;
 Tho' some may be Stronger, there's none can be Thicker;
 And this he drives round with a cozening Gam,
 To water the Camp at a Penny a Man;

When each brave Commander had cheer'd up his Spirit
 With Racy Canary, on self with good Claret;
 Brought into the Field with a Noble Design,
 Ere the Battel begins to Inspire 'em with Wine;
 That each may their Bravery and Courage exert,
 Which dwells in a true Valiant Citizens Heart.
 The Drums were commanded to beat an Alarm;
 And the cry of a sudden, was Arm, Arm, Arm;
 The Hoitboys began most confus'dly to sound,
 And their Pipes but half Smoak'd were all thrown to the

The Musqueteers run, and their Bandaleers rattled;
 Such hurry there was, you'd have thought them betwattled,
 The old feeble Pike Men came hobbling soon after;
 Like Oxen first Ham-string'd and drove to the Slaughter,
 And when they had wasted an hour almost,
 In each finding out his own Arms, and his Post;
 Each Captain to take a survey of the Ground,
 Drew his Company out, and March'd twice or thrice round,
 But finding they had no French Enemy near 'em,
 To Face 'em, to Fight 'em, to Fright 'em, or Fear 'em.

The Col'nel to show he was skill'd in the Arts
 Of Bellona, divided them into two parts;

That Father and Son, Master, Prentice, and Brother,
 Might Fight like true Englishmen, one against t'other.
 The Regiment thus after grand Consultation,
 Drawn into two Battalions after a Fashion,
 Like Heroes, undaunted advance very near,
 Without the least Signs of a Cowardly Fear.
 Then, *Make ready all*, crys th' Commander in chief,
 To his Punch-Gutted Boys, made Courageous by Beef,
 And a *Sundays* Bag-Pudding, for want of which Food,
 They would Swear what they heard at Church did 'em no
 [Good]
 Then to Priming, and Charging, and Ramming their Powder,
 So hard, that the Bounce may be so much the louder;
 Then he that Commands, with a hurtless Intent,
 Cries, *If you are ready my brave Lads, Present*
 Then holding his Cane with both Hands up higher,
 A Foot than his Head; his next Word is *Fire*;
 But dops down his Noddle almost to the Grass,
 Not fearing a Bullet should fly in his Face;
 But lest the fierce Flame, which admits no restraining,
 Should burn his fine Wig, kept on purpose for Training.
 The Mob cry *Huzza*, and the Drums Rat, tat, too;
 There is Snap, Slap, and Bounce, and the Devil to do;
 Such Firing, and Popping, a Fight you may Swear,
 Was ne'er better mimick'd in *Barthol'mew-Fair*:
 And when all their Powder and No-Ball is spent,
 To pleasure the Mob with a harmless Intent;
 And the Smoak of the Gun-Powder mix'd with their Sweat,
 Died some like to Saffron and others like Jet;
 Their Drums and their Mulsquets, at once ceas'd to Rattle,
 And thus without Blood-shed they ended their Battle.

Having

Having no Ammunition to further Maintain it,
They grew as good Friends, as before they began it;
Their Judges, the Rabble, do then dispute whether
O'th' the two Fir'd best, that is closest together;
By th' Rule of the Mob, where they Fire most even:
To that side the Victory always is given,
With many Huzza's, being the old Fashion'd way
They have us'd down from *Adam* to this very day,
To set forth their Thanks, or their Gratitude pay.
Having tired themselves with their Counterfeit Strife;
And mimick'd a Fight without Death to the Life;
They March from the Wars to their Counters, or Shopboards,
And first Kiss their Wives, then away to their Cupboards;
Where Hungry as Hawks, having Food to delight 'em,
They out-Eat the *French*, rather more than out-Fight 'em.
When Supper is ended, and Bow Bell Rings Nine:
With Paunches well stuff'd, as an Offal-fed Swine;
They strip off their Buff from their Hides and their Tallows,
And Leap into Bed to their Dear Blouzabella's.

A Ballad in Praise of a certain Commander
in the City.

A Heroe of no small Renown,
But Noted for a Man of Mettle;
Thro' all the Parts of London Town,
No Gentleman, nor yet a Clown,
No Graze Wise Man, nor Stupid Beetle.

By many Deeds of Prowess done;
He's gain'd a matchless Reputation,
Perform'd by neither Sword or Gun;
But by what means you'll know anon;
And how he Work'd his Preservation.

Well



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Well-mounted Noble Steed,
With Sword and Pistol charg'd before him;
Altho' we must Confess, indeed,
Of either Arms there was no need,
His Conduct did alone secure him.

With's Wife upon a single Horse,
Twards Eppin both Rid out together:
But what then ill-Luck can be worse?
A High-way-Man of equal Force,
Alas, Obstructed both their Pleasure.

With Pistol Cock'd, he made Demand,
And told them he must have their Money;
The Major Wisely would not stand,
Nor on his Pistols clasp'd a Hand,
He was not such a Fighting Tony.

But Spur'd away as swift as Wind;
No Elk or Tyger could run Faster.
Was never Man so Stout and Kind,
To leave his Frighted Wife behind,
Expos'd to such a sad Disaster.

Her Necklace, Cloaths, and Diamond Ring,
The Greedy Robber quickly fell to.
One Pettycoat he let her bring
Away, with Smock and t'other Thing;
To let her Noble Hero Smell-to.

This Slight bred sad Domestick Strife,
Altho' the Man's to be Commended:
For what's a Loving Handsome Wife,
To a Mans Money or his Life;
For all is Lost when that is ended?

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